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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - JOHN HANNAH MEETING

1. JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND SPARK PLUG FOR THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES PLUS IRELAND, FINLAND, DENMARK AND NORWAY APRIL 30 AT FAO. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO BRIEF THE GROUP ON THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION BY INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS IN GENEVA MAY 5 AND 6 ON THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. HANNAH REQUESTED THE MEETING FOLLOWING A SIMILAR DISCUSSION REQUESTED BY THE GROUP OF 7 AFRICAN NATIONS. HE THOUGHT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY.

2. REMARKS BY HANNAH AND OTHERS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A) THE MAY 5-6 MEETING IN GENEVA WILL BE OPENED BY SY GEN WALDHEIM, THEN TURNED OVER TO HANNAH. WALDHEIM WILL PRESUMABLY NOT REMAIN AT THE SESSION.

B) INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO DAC, OPEC AND
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EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES. REPORTING ON OPEC RESPONSE HANNAH SAID

NO OPEC COUNTRY INDICATED RELUCTANCE TO ATTEND MEETING, AND 2 OR 3 POSITIVE RESPONSES WERE IN HIS HANDS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE EASTERN BLOC COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HAD INDICATED AN INTEREST AND THAT ALL 6 OF THESE COUNTRIES WOULD ATTEND. SOME MECHANISM WILL NEED TO BE DEvised TO INCORPORATE THIS GROUP INTO THE DAC/OPEC CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

C) OBJECTIVES OF THE MAY 5-6 MEETING ARE TWO-FOLD. FIRST HANNAH WANTS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE FUND. SECONDLY HE PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMAL ADVISORY GROUP PROBABLY COMPOSED OF ONE-THIRD DAC, ONE-THIRD OPEC AND ONE-THIRD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DRAW UP A BILL OF PARTICULARS FOR OPERATION OF THE FUND. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO DISCUSS LEVELS OF FUNDING AT THIS MEETING.

D) WITH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND SELECTION OF THE ADVISORY GROUP (ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE) MAY 5-6, HANNAH PLANS ANOTHER MEETING ON OCTOBER TO CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE FUND AND TO DETERMINE THE RATIO OF CONTRIBUTIONS. PRESENT THINKING IS TO SHARE CONTRIBUTIONS EQUALLY BETWEEN DAC AND OPEC COUNTRIES. HANNAH HOPES TO IMPLEMENT THE FUND BY JANUARY 1, 1976, ALLOWING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE OCTOBER MEETING AND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR FOR PLEDGING.

E) HANNAH REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD, EARL BUTZ AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS WAS ENCOURAGING AND THAT THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE LEVEL OF U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS. HANNAH SAID HE RECEIVED GENERAL AGREEMENT WHEN HE SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF 37-39 PERCENT, OR ABOUT \$200 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS.

F) THE PERMREP FROM BELGIUM REPORTED THAT THE OPEC GROUP HAD ALREADY MET AND HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND. BEAUDRY

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